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THE following humble Addreſs of the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, Court of Aſſiſtants, and whole Body of His Majeſty's Artillery Company of the City of London, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Sir Gerard Conyers, and Sir Charles Peers, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, Court of Aſſiſtants, and whole Body of your Majeſty's Artillery Company of the City of London.

Great Sir,

WE cannot but obſerve with the greateſt Concern the preſent Situation of the Affairs of Europe, and the Menaces and Threats uſed by the Spaniards and the Emperour, againſt your Majeſty, your Dominions, and our Liberties and Properties.

Therefore we take this Opportunity to wait on your Majeſty in Arms, to aſſure your Majeſty, that we are ready at this Time, (and ſhall be at all Times) to defend your Majeſty and your Royal Family againſt all your Enemies, and the Enemies of our Laws, Liberties and Properties, and all thoſe that dare attempt to invade or diſturb them.

Signed by Order of the Court of Aſſiſtants,

John Blackwell, Cl.

To which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the following moſt gracious Anſwer.

I *Thank you for this dutiful and loyal Addreſs, in which you Expreſs ſo much Zeal and Affection for my Perſon and Government.*

On this Occaſion the Artillery Company made a very fine Appearance in Arms, and paſſed in Review before the King, and the Prince of Wales their Captain-General, in St. James's Park.

The following humble Addreſs of the Deputy-Lieutenants and Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Middleſex, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir Daniel Dolins, Kt. Chairman of the Seſſions, accompanied by ſeveral other Juſtices of the Peace for the ſaid County, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, Lord-Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the County of Middleſex. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly, and all the Gentlemen had the Honour to kiſs His Majeſty's Hand.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Deputy Lieutenants and the Juſtices of the Peace for the County of Middleſex.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, being deeply ſenſible of the many great and valuable Bleſſings we enjoy under your wiſe and happy Adminiſtration, and of the tender Regard your Majeſty hath always had to the Civil and Religious Rights of all your Subjects, cannot ſufficiently expreſs our Reſentment and Indignation at the Conjunction of the Emperour and the King of Spain, to invade our Trade in its moſt valuable Branches, to wreſt from us Gibraltar and Port Mahon (Places of the utmoſt Importance to theſe Nations, with reſpect to their Trade and Naval Power) acquired in the Courſe of a long expenſive and bloody War, and yielded to us by the moſt ſolemn Treaties; and their Deſigns to place upon the Throne of theſe Kingdoms the Pretender to your Majeſty's Crown; and thereby to impoſe upon us the Yoke of Superſtition and Arbitrary Power, in Exchange for the full Enjoyment of our pure Religion, our moſt excellent Laws, and envied Liberty.

We humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that we will, to our utmoſt Power, not only moſt chearfully and readily exert ourſelves in enabling your Majeſty to ſhew a juſt Reſentment for any Injuries done, or Indignity offered to your Majeſty and your People; but are ready, at all Hazards, to Support your ſacred Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion in your Illuſtrious Family; the only Means, we know, of preſerving our Conſtitution, and expreſſing our Gratitude to our late Deliverer, King William the Third, of Glorious and Immortal Memory.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the

the City of Hereford, has been preſented to His Majeſty by their Repreſentatives in Parliament James Weſtfalling and Herb. Wallwyn, Eſqrs; introduced by his Grace the Duke of Chandos, Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the County. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly; and the Gentlemen who preſented it, had the Honour to kiſs His Majeſty's Hand.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the City of Hereford, do humbly beg Leave to preſent to your Majeſty our hearty Addreſs of Thanks for thoſe gracious Expreſſions of Care and Concern for the Trade and Welfare of your People, which you have been pleaſed to make from the Throne. It lies not within our Sphere to judge of the Reaſons and Motives which induce Foreign Powers to threaten the Britiſh Nation with a War, and an Invaſion in Favour of the Pretender: But we cannot but be ſurprized and ſorry to obſerve, that the greateſt Apprehenſions of Danger are from a Quarter, from which it might leaſt have been expected. The Violation of our juſt Rights, with Regard to the moſt valuable Branches of Trade, and the forming an Alliance wich a View of proceeding to Hoſtilities againſt us, are but ill Returns from a Potentate, who, 'tis well known, owes his former Safety, and his preſent Greatneſs, to the Victorious Arms of Great Britain. The dutiful Addreſs of the Lords, the vigorous Reſolution of the Commons, for ſupporting and defending your Majeſty againſt the Attacks and Inſults of your Enemies, are an ample Teſtimony to us of the Juſtice of the Cauſe, in which you are engaged, for the good of your People: And as the conſtant Tenour of your Conduct, whilſt we have enjoyed the Happineſs of your Majeſty's Government over us, gives us the moſt undeniable Aſſurance of your ſteady Purpoſe to preſerve the Laws, Liberties, and Religion of our Country, as they are at preſent eſtabliſhed; we ſhould think ourſelves wanting in Duty, as far as our Influence or Example can reach, if we did not, on this Occaſion, ſignify our Abhorrence of all Deſigns either at Home or Abroad, which may tend to leſſen or hazard the Dignity of the Britiſh Crown, or the Proſperity of the Nation. And if it were poſſible for us to lay ourſelves under greater Obligations than we are already under by our Oaths to your Majeſty, we ſhould readily give any further Evidence of our Loyalty and Fidelity, by the ſincereſt Offers of our Lives and Fortunes, in Maintenance of the Proteſtant Succeſſion in your Illuſtrious Family, againſt the Attempts of thoſe who are for introducing a Popiſh Pretender to theſe Realms.

May your Majeſty's Reign be long and proſperous! And, when it ſhall pleaſe God to remove you from us, that your Memory may be as dear and precious among us, as your Endeavours have always been for the Publick Good, is our moſt ardent Deſire and Prayer.

In Teſtimony whereof, we have hereunto put our Common Seal, the 24th Day of February, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Magiſtrates, Common-Council, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Honourable Pattee Byng and William Chetwynd, Eſq. their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Mancheſter. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Magiſtrates, Common-Council, and other principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Plymouth, in the County of Devon.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, humbly crave leave to aſſure your Majeſty upon this Occaſion, of our moſt affectionate Concern and hearty Zeal for the Proteſtant Religion, the preſent moſt happy Eſtabliſhment in Church and State, the Liberties of Europe in general, and of Great Britain in particular, the Preſervation and Security of Trade and Commerce, and the Welfare and Proſperity of ourſelves and our Poſterity; all depending on the Safety of your ſacred Perſon, and the Continuance of the Succeſſion of the Crown of theſe Realms in your truly Proteſtant Line.

Were any one of theſe attempted ſingly, it could not but be a heinous Provocation; but when all of them are threatened and ſtruck at together, when a Popiſh Pretender (well known to be an irreconcileable Enemy to them all) is endeavoured to be obtruded upon us, it muſt neceſſarily warm the Breaſt of every true Briton, and kindle in it the utmoſt Reſentment and Indignation.

We cannot ſufficiently admire that great and early Care and Vigilance which hath appeared ſo conſpicuouſly and extenſively in all your Counſels and Meaſures; and doubt not, but that ſince your Majeſty hath ſo timely and happily diſcover'd the evil Deſigns of your Adverſaries, the Miſchief of them will be effectually prevented.

The Naval Strength of Great Britain (its real Security and happy Ornament) ſo prudently directed and beneficially employed to its proper Uſe, together with the wiſe and potent Alliances which your Majeſty hath entered into, muſt, we humbly conceive, convince your Adverſaries of the Weakneſs and Folly of their ill-concerted Schemes and Projects, and make them ſee, however unwilling, impatient, or malicious, the Neceſſity of doing Juſtice, and obſerving publick Faith and Treaties. But ſhould Obſtinacy ſhut their Eyes, we truſt that the Bleſſing of the Almighty upon a juſt and righteous Cauſe, and upon the Arms of your Majeſty and your high Allies, will ſoon make them feel it. And we crave Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that we ſhall moſt willingly and heartily joyn with our Fellow-Subjects, and moſt readily contribute all that is dear and valuable to us, to enable your Majeſty to withſtand and oppoſe both the ſecret Engagements and open Violence of all your Enemies.

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The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Merchants, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Leeds in the County of York, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir William Milner, Bart. introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Burlington, Lord-Lieutenant of the Weſt-Riding of the County of York. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Merchants, and principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Leeds, in the County of York.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WHEN we reflect on the Bleſſings we have long enjoyed under your Majeſty's auſpicious Government, we are juſtly alarmed at the leaſt attempt to diſturb us in the Enjoyment of them; but when our Trade, our Properties, and what is more valuable to us, our Religion, is ſtruck at (for who can hope for this under a Popiſh Pretender,) when theſe are attempted by Princes under the ſtricteſt Ties of Gratitude for Benefits purchaſed with our Blood and Treaſure, and when no leſs than the dethroning of your Majeſty and the Deſtruction of your Royal Houſe, are to be the Means of effecting their formidable Projects, we are aſtoniſhed at theſe projected Scenes of Horrour. We are full of Reſentment, and blame the Defect of our Language to expreſs our Indignation.

Your Majeſty's Subjects of this Place are very ſenſible of the happy Influences of Peace on their Trade in the Woollen Manufacture, yet we beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that whenever a War ſhall be neceſſary for the ſupporting the Honour of your Kingdoms, or preſerving the Rights or Commerce of the Nation, we will not only chearfully give up the Advantages of a preſent Peace, but readily contribute to the Expence of ſuch War, and ſacrifice our Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of your Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, againſt all your Enemies whatſoever.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, Aſſiſtants and Commonalty of the Borough of Wareham, in the County of Dorſet, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Joſeph Gaſcoigne, Eſq; one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole Chancellour of the Exchequer. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, Aſſiſtants and Commonalty of the Borough of Wareham, in the County of Dorſet.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THE many Inſtances of great Wiſdom and Care your Majeſty has lately ſhewn in detecting the ſecret Deſigns of our Enemies, cannot but fill our Hearts with the greateſt Gratitude and Duty. We therefore beg Leave to addreſs your Majeſty, both to expreſs our Thanks for your unwearied Endeavours to preſerve the Peace of Europe; and our utmoſt Deteſtation of thoſe ſecret Meaſures entered into, contrary to all ſolemn Treaties and Engagements to the Peace and Commerce of your People.

The wiſe Diſpoſitions of your Majeſty's Fleets, the Steadineſs and Unanimity of your Parliament, and the ſincere Love and Affection of your Subjects to your ſacred Perſon and Family, will, we hope, effectually convince your Enemies, that all their united Combinations to wreſt out of your Hands thoſe valuable Acquiſitions of our Trade and Commerce, gained by Engliſh Blood and Treaſure, and made Part of our Conſtitution by ſolemn Leagues and Treaties, will prove vain and ineffectual.

But ſhould the Pride and Ambition of your Enemies, in Violation of all the ſacred Ties of Honour and Gratitude, puſh them on in their unjuſt Demands, their uſurped Exerciſe of Trade, and their ſecret Engagements to impoſe upon this Kingdom a Popiſh Pretender; theſe vile Proceedings muſt raiſe in our Breaſts the greateſt Indignation, and juſtly call upon us not only to expoſe our Perſons, but alſo our Fortunes, and all that is valuable, in Defence of your moſt ſacred Perſon, our Laws, Religion, and Liberties.

The Glory acquired in the late War by the Britiſh Arms, ſpeaks loudly for itſelf, and muſt lay a laſting Load of Ingratitude upon thoſe who have reaped the Benefit of it; and as the ſame Spirit remains in every true Proteſtant Briton, ſo we hope our Enemies will ſoon feel the Effects of it, if ever they dare provoke us to War.

That the like Glory and Succeſs may always attend your Fleets and Armies, and your Majeſty's pious Endeavours for the Good of all your Subjects, ſhall be the earneſt and conſtant Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the Borough of Thetford, in the County of Norfolk, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir Edmund Bacon, and Robert Iacombe Eſq; introduced by his Grace the Duke of Grafton, Lord High Chamberlain. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Capital Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the Borough of Thetford.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

AS your Majeſty's juſt and wiſe Meaſures for preſerving the Peace of Europe, have been received with deſerved Applauſe in the Great Councils of the Nation, ſo do they require a Tribute of Gratitude from every Member and every Subject of this Kingdom.

Thoſe who are concerned in carrying on the Trade of this Nation, muſt be blind to their own Intereſt if they do not ſee how much they are indebted to the Prudence and Steadineſs of your Majeſty's Conduct; and as the pooreſt Subject in Great Britain has a Property in his Religion and Liberty; and as thoſe have been threatned with Danger by the Conjunction of great Powers, bent to overturn

turn and deſtroy them: There cannot be in this happy Iſland one ſo wretched, as not to be affected with a ſenſible Pleaſure when he ſees your Majeſty's Care and Vigilance to preſerve and continue to us theſe invaluable Bleſſings.

We were in Hopes we ſhould never again have been called upon to remember the Pretender, or make mention of his Name: He has been long forgotten through the Benevolence of your Majeſty's Government, and the Enemies of your Kingdoms are but ill informed of the Senſe of this Nation, if they think the eſpouſing of his Intereſt can be of any Service to their Cauſe.

But 'tis happy that there is ſo much want of Underſtanding, where there is ſo little Senſe of Gratitude; when a Prince eſtabliſhed on his own Throne by your Majeſty's Aſſiſtance, can ſo ſoon and ſo far forget himſelf as to attempt to ſhake yours: 'Tis but a juſt Infatuation on his Counſels, that he ſhould make Choice of Means the moſt oppoſite to his Deſigns: Such theſe are, and ever will be, untill we forget that we are Engliſhmen, and are willing to exchange a free Government, under a wiſe and gracious Prince, for Tyranny, to be conducted by a Popiſh Bigot, to give up the Religion of our Country for the Inventions of Rome, and inſtead of being the Glory of Nations, to become the Scorn and Contempt of the World.

But were theſe Conſiderations out of the Queſtion, our Country will ever have too great a Regard for your Majeſty's Honour and its own Safety, to give up any Part of the juſt Acquiſitions of our Arms to the angry Demands of ſuch as forget the Title we gained by War, and the Title they yielded by Peace.

Whilſt your Majeſty thus conſults the Intereſt and Honour of your Kingdoms, you can never want the Hands and Hearts of your Subjects to aſſiſt you; and we doubt not but a little Time will convince even your Enemies, that you are too well beloved by your Subjects at Home to fear the Pretender; and too well ſupported by your Allies Abroad, to fear Them.

Given under our common Seal, the 27th Day of February, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

The following humble Addreſs of the Bailiffs and Freemen of the Town of Kingſton upon Thames, in the County of Surrey, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Nicholas Harding, Eſq; Recorder of that Town, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend one of His Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Bailiffs and Freemen of the Town of Kingſton upon Thames, in the County of Surrey.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THough your Majeſty has more Pleaſure in the Happineſs of your People than in the publick Teſtimonies of their Reverence and Eſteem, we your Majeſty's moſt loyal Subjects the Bailiffs and Freemen of your Town of Kingſton upon Thames, cannot content ourſelves with a ſilent Gratitude for the Bleſſings of your Adminiſtration, or with a concealed Reſentment of their Inſolence, who unprovoked, in Contempt of ſolemn Treaties, by an unjuſt and pernicious Confederacy, have engaged to aſſiſt each other in wreſting from Great Britain her deareſt and moſt valuable Rights; and by Projects in favour of an abjured Fugitive, ſubſervient to their Deſigns, have threatned her Religion and Liberty.

We already ſee the Effects of the wiſe honourable and neceſſary Meaſures your Majeſty has taken to preſerve the Peace of Europe: And if the King of Spain is too much enraged at the Diſappointments he has met with, to conſider the Raſhneſs of that Enterprize he has undertaken, we have little Cauſe to fear the impotent Efforts of his Revenge. Nor doubt we, but that other Prince, who owes ſo much to the perſonal Bravery of your Majeſty, and the Aſſiſtance of Great Britain, and yet is not aſhamed to repay thoſe Services with Injuries and Affronts, will ſoon repent him of his uſurped Exerciſe of Commerce, or be convinced, that the Engliſh Valour, which raiſed him to his preſent Greatneſs, can reſtrain his Violence, and ſet Limits to his Ambition.

And we aſſure your Majeſty, we ſhall with Zeal and Chearfulneſs contribute our Proporportion of ſuch Subſidies as ſhall be granted to enable your Majeſty to aſſert the Honour and Dignity of your Crown, and to perpetuate the Glory and Proſperity of this Nation, the conſtant Aim of your Majeſty's Counſels.

Given under our common Seal, in our Guild-hall, this 17th Day of February, in the Thirteenth Year of your Majeſty's Reign, Annoq; Domini 1726-7.

The following humble Addreſs of the Conſtables, Gentlemen, and others chief Inhabitants of the Ancient Borough of Lewes in the County of Suſſex, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Thomas Pelham, Eſq; their Repreſentative in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Conſtables, Gentlemen and others, chief Inhabitants of the Ancient Borough of Lewes, in the County of Suſſex.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, who are truly ſenſible of the many Bleſſings we enjoy under your Majeſty's moſt happy Reign over us, humbly beg Leave to offer our Thanks to your Majeſty for your great Care and Vigilance, and for the wiſe Meaſures you have taken to prevent the wicked Deſigns of your Enemies at this Time formed againſt your Majeſty and againſt the Peace and Welfare of your People.

We have been amazed to ſee a Prince, from whom your Majeſty and this Nation might have expected the greateſt Returns of Gratitude, enter into Meaſures to deprive your Majeſty of your Crown, and to find him invading

vading Part of our Trade, and joyning with the King of Spain to take from us Port Mahon and Gibraltar.

We have the utmoſt Deteſtation of the Pretender and all his Abettors; and ſhall be ready at all Times with our Lives and Fortunes to defend your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, on which depend our Religion, Liberty, and all that is dear and valuable to us.

We entirely rely, under God, upon your Majeſty's Wiſdom for our Safety, and moſt heartily pray that your Majeſty's Reign may long continue over us, and that we may never want a Prince of your Royal Family to govern and protect us.

The following humble Addreſs of the Maſter, Elder Brethren, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, and the whole Fraternity of Maſter Pilots and Seamen of the Trinity-Houſe of Newcaſtle upon Tyne, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Earl of Scarbrough. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.
The humble Addreſs of the Maſter, Elder Brethren, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, and the whole Fraternity of Maſter Pilots and Seamen of the Trinity-Houſe of Newcaſtle upon Tyne.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, do humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that as it is with the greateſt Pleaſure and Satisfaction we conſider the many Bleſſings we enjoy under your moſt gracious and excellent Government, for thereby our Liberties and Privileges are preſerved and eſtabliſhed, and our Trade and Commerce doth greatly flouriſh and Increaſe; ſo we cannot without the utmoſt Deteſtation hear of the wicked Deſigns formed againſt your Majeſty and your Kingdoms, by the Emperour and King of Spain; but the Experience we have of your great Wiſdom, leave us no Room to doubt, but that all their pernicious Deſigns will be thereby rendred vain and unſucceſsful.

We do humbly aſſure your Majeſty that we will with our Lives and Fortunes ſupport and defend your Majeſty againſt all your Enemies, and that our moſt hearty and ſincere Wiſhes and Prayers are, that your Majeſty may long and happily reign over us, and that theſe Kingdoms may always flouriſh and enjoy their preſent happy Conſtitution both in Church and State, under the Government of your Majeſty and your Poſterity.

In Teſtimony whereof we have cauſed our Common Seal to be hereunto affixed.

The following humble Addreſs of the Royal Burrows of Scotland, has been preſented to His Majeſty by John Campbell, Eſq; Colonel James St. Clair, Sir James Dalrymple, Bart. John Murray, Eſq; Colonel Robert Monro, and Henry Cunningham, Eſq; Members of Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,
The humble Addreſs of the Royal Burrows of Scotland.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

IT is the greateſt Happineſs of your Subjects, that to congratulate the Succeſs of your Undertakings, is at the ſame time to acknowledge their own Felicity; ſo perfectly has your Majeſty united the Intereſt of your Crown and your People.

In ſome other Kingdoms, the oppreſſed Subjects have no other Comfort for the laviſh waſting of their Blood and Treaſure againſt foreign Enemies, but the ungrateful View of the confirming that Power, which (deſigned for defending) is unnaturally employed to ſubdue themſelves, and governs free-born Subjects as if they were the miſerable Slaves of a conquer'd Country.

But we with Joy behold your Majeſty's Fleets putting juſt Reſtraints on thoſe haughty Princes who projected to ſhake your Throne, the eſtabliſhing of which is the Security of our Religion, Liberty and Property, and the Preſervation and Advancement of our Commerce.

All theſe being now threatned by the Enemies of our King and Country, we cannot but rejoice to ſee Armies and Navies at your Majeſty's Command, who no farther asks nor employs them than the Security and Increaſe of our Happineſs requires. They are our Defence as well as your own, and can only be dreadful to the Foes of your Majeſty's Government and People.

The Potentate who owes his preſent Greatneſs to the Bounty and Strength of Britain, will find, that the ſame Valour that raiſed him, ſhall, through the Divine Bleſſing, reſtrain him from hurting his Benefactors; and that when the ſacred Ties of Gratitude and ſolemn Treaties are broken by his Ambition, your Majeſty's Counſels and Arms ſhall repreſs and fetter them down.

A King ſo careful of the Proſperity of your People, could not ſuffer their Commerce to be undermined and encroached upon, nor permit the Fortreſſes acquired for ſecuring the Trade and Navigation of your Dominions to be wreſted out of your Hands by that Monarch who was glad to yield them up when Britain and its Allies allowed him to reign.

Your Majeſty's Enemies, not content with Projects ſo pernicious, threaten us with their utmoſt Vengeance, the Popiſh Pretender to your Crown; and thus they ſhew, that the Hope of his Cauſe is founded on the Ruin of the Wealth and Force of Britain, which they are now attempting, and calling upon him as their Aſſiſtant to deſtroy. His being the Tool of Rome, renders his Pretenſions inconſiſtent with the Proteſtant Religion, the Cauſe of Heaven. The barbarous and perfidious Treatment of our Brethren at Thorn, and too many other Places, (whoſe Blood ſtill cries aloud to God and his earthly Vicegerents) are flagrant and melancholly Proofs, that a Proteſtant People can expect nothing but Tyranny and all its diſmal Fruits from Popiſh Maſters.

Our Duty, our Intereſt, and every thing which can move the Minds of Men who have a Senſe of Religion, of ſocial Virtue, or of their

their own Happineſs, make us firmly reſolved to adhere unalterably to your Majeſty's Perſon, Proteſtant Family and Goverment, and to do our utmoſt to ſupport your Majeſty who has the only Title to the Crown of Britain, and none other can ever be acknowledged nor ſubmitted to by,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt loyal, moſt dutiful, and moſt obedient Subjects and Servants.

Edinb. Feb. 21, 1726-7.

The Annual Committee of the Convention of your Royal Burrows of Scotland.

Sign'd in their Name and by their Appointment by

Jo. Drummond, *Preſes.*

Madrid, Feb. 24, N. S. Yeſterday this Court received Letters by a Courier from Vienna, diſpatched by the Duke of Bournonville on the 4th Inſtant. He has alſo brought Diſpatches from thence for Count Conigſeck the imperial Ambaſſadour here, who is now recovered from his late Fit of the Gout.

Lisbon, March 2, *N. S.* Late laſt Night his Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Durſley-Galley, Captain Purvis Commander, arrived here from Gibraltar, with Letters from Sir Charles Wager and Governour Clayton for the Duke of Newcaſtle, which have been this Day diſpatched for England by Brigadier Dormer the Britiſh Envoy: To whom Captain Purvis has given an Account, that the Siege of Gibraltar was begun on the 22d paſt; that the Braſs Cannon ſent from Cadiz by Land were not arrived at the Spaniſh Camp; and that the Cannon expected from Barcelona, were thought either to be loſt, or taken by the Algerines: That after the Spaniards had fired on the Britiſh Men of War, Sir Charles Wager made a Signal for the Boats and ſome of the ſmall Ships to ſcour the Bay, and they took a Settee and a Barcalonga laden with Planks and Proviſions for the Camp: That the Spaniards had ſuffered very much from the Cannon of the Men of War: That Deſerters, who came daily into Gibraltar, reported there were near 2000 Men ſick in the Spaniſh Camp; and that neither Officer nor Soldier thought it poſſible to ſucceed in this Enterprize. On the 24th paſt the Marqueſs de Abrantes ſet out from hence for Madrid: It is thought he is to make ſome Stay at Evora, at his Son in Law the Conde de Villanova's, till this Court hears further from that of Spain.

Whitehall, March 3.

Yeſterday his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle received an Expreſs from Sir Charles Wager and Colonel Clayton Lieutenant-Governour of Gibraltar, by the Way of Lisbon, with the following Advices.

Gibraltar, Feb. 12, *O. S.* On the 2d Inſtant Sir Charles Wager with His Majeſty's Ships under his Command arrived in this Bay, in 14 Days from Portſmouth. Colonel Clayton, Lieutenant-Governour of this Place, came aſhore; and the Soldiers Sir Charles Wager brought from Portſmouth were landed, as were alſo thoſe that Rear-Admiral Hopſon had on board the Ships he commanded this Winter; except three Companies, which Sir Charles Wager thought fit to keep on board the Ships. Governour Clayton at his Arrival found the Conde de las Torres encamped near this Place, with about 15000 Men; and that the Spaniards had raiſed two Batteries, one in an Iſland at Algeziras which is on the other Side of the Bay, the other at Theſſe within very near Gunſhot of this Place, but pointing to the Sea. Sir Charles Wager, at the Governour's Requeſt, furniſhed him with Ten Cannon 24 Pounders, Planks for Batteries, and other Stores, and ſome Carpenters to be aſſiſting in the Works. For ſeveral Days 20 or 30 Boats and other Veſſels daily, were ſuffered to paſs quietly by the Britiſh Squadron, to the Spaniſh Camp. On the 10th at Night the Conde de las Torres thought fit to begin another Battery within half Gun-ſhot of our Fortifications, the Embrazures pointing directly to the Works on the King's and Prince's Lines, and the Land-Port: Upon diſcovering which, early the 11th in the Morning, our Governour wrote the following Letter to him.

Moſt Excellent Sir,

PErceiving this Morning that your Excellency has opened Trenches in order to attack this Place, which I think is very contrary to all the Treaties between our Maſters, and no Declaration of War being yet come to my Knowlegde, I give your Excellency Notice, that if you do not immediately deſiſt, I ſhall be obliged to take ſuitable Meaſures.

I ſend this by my Secretary, to whom I deſire your Excellency will pleaſe to give an Anſwer. I am, &c.

Gibraltar, Feb. 22, 1727. *Jaſper Clayton.*

To which the Conde de las Torres returned this Anſwer.

Sir,

I Acknowledge yours dated the 22d Inſtant; and as to Trenches being opened for the Attack of the Town of Gibraltar, I anſwer, that what has been done hitherto is on our own Ground, fortifying thoſe Places where our Batteries may be of Service; with reſpect to which, that Place having no other Diſtrict than that of its Fortifications, according to the ſame Treaties you alledge, and you having taken Poſſeſſion of the two Towers within our Juriſdiction, you may be aſſured, that if you do not quit them, I will act in the very ſame Manner as you intimate: Giving you Notice, that to lay Siege to that Place, there was no Need to form the Attacks ſo far off, as you will find when Occaſion offers. I am, &c.

The Conde de las Torres.

Camp at Gibraltar, Feb. 22, 1727.

The Conde de las Torres not deſiſting from working; and the Governour having communicated the Contents of the Letter and Anſwer to Sir Charles Wager, and called a Council of War of all the commanding Officers of the Regiments here, it was unanimouſly agreed to Fire at the Enemies Works. Accordingly about Four in the Afternoon we fired one Cannon with Shot, pointed over their Battery, as a Signal that we expected they would leave off working: Our Governour ordered we ſhould wait ſtill an Hour longer, that the Conde de las Torres might have all ſufficient Notice. But the Ene-

Enemy continuing to work, we then gave them all the Obſtruction we could by great and ſmall Shot, which muſt have coſt them ſome Men, but the Number we do not yet know. - This Morning the Enemy fired from a Battery of 12 Guns which they had erected for that Purpoſe at the Bottom of the Bay : One Ship only, the Portland, happened to be within their Reach, and they Struck her twice with their Shot ; but being at Diſtance, ſhe received no Damage. Laſt Night Sir Charles Wager ſent the Durſley Galley and Tyger round the Hill, where he thought they might be of ſome Service ; and the Spaniards having lodged a Number of Men in the Night behind the Rock, ſuppoſed to be about 2000, they were ſurprized to find our Ships firing upon them on that Side in the Morning ; They caſt up a Bank of Sand to ſecure themſelves as well as they could, but 'tis believed the Cannon from the Ships have done ſome Execution upon them, as well as the ſmall Shot, and Shells thrown down upon them from the Rock ; All this Day our Cannon and Mortars have been playing on their Trenches and Batteries, from His Majeſty's Ships as well as the Garriſon. The Wind being now Eaſterly, the two forementioned Ships are come back into the Bay ; and Sir Charles Wager deſigns to ſail To-morrow, with the Kent, Sterling-Caſtle, Burford, Royal Oak, Canterbury, York, and Colcheſter, to cruize near Cadiz and the Streights Mouth. He has ordered the Berwick and Lenox to ſail to joyn Vice-Admiral Hoſier in the Weſt-Indies. The Durſley Galley is to go to Lisbon, whence ſhe is to return hither. The Lyme is ſoon expected from Port-Mahon, and the Solebay from Cape St. Vincent where ſhe was ordered to lye : Theſe, with the Tyger, Wincheſter, Swallow, and Portland, with two Bomb-Veſſels, and two Sloops, are to keep in this Bay ; to be aſſiſtant in the Defence of the Place.

Gibraltar, Feb. 15, O. S. Laſt Night the Spaniards finiſhed their firſt Parallel, and caſt up another Intrenchment on the Mediterranean Side from the Eaſtermoſt Point of the Rock, to defend themſelves from the Cannon of his Majeſty's Ships, and joined it to their Parallel : They have work'd all this Day at their Battery, and it is judged will be ready to fire to Morrow : We can diſcover nine Embrazures in it. Beſides our Cannon, Mortars, and Small Shot, with which we have annoyed them, we have blown ſeveral little Mines we daily make on the Top of the Mountain hanging over their Place of Arms, at the Weſtwardmoſt Point of their Intrenchments, with good Succeſs ; obſerving whenever the Stones fly down upon them, they are forced from their Shelter, and expoſed to our Muſquetry and Cannon, which muſt be with Loſs to them.

Whitehall, March 4.

This Day Mr. Inglis, Marſhal and Aſſiſtant Maſter of the Ceremonies, in the Abſence of Sir Clement Cotterel Maſter of the Ceremonies, went by His Majeſty's Order to M. de Palm the Emperour's Reſident, and acquainted him, that he having, in the Audience he had of the King on Thurſday laſt, delivered into the Hands of His Majeſty a Memorial highly injurious to His Majeſty's Honour and the Dignity of His Crown ; in which Memorial he has forgot all Regard to Truth and the Reſpect due to His ſacred Majeſty ; and the ſaid Memorial being alſo publickly diſpers'd next Morning in Print, together with a Letter from the Count de Sinzendorff to him the ſaid Palm, ſtill more inſolent and more injurious, if poſſible, than the Memorial ; His Majeſty had thereupon commanded him to declare to him the ſaid Reſident Palm, that His Majeſty looked upon him no longer as a publick Miniſter, and required him forthwith to depart out of this Kingdom.

This is to give Notice, That the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury have been pleaſed to appoint Money to pay all the Arrears due to the Penſioners belonging to the Cheſt at Chatham to Lady-Day 1725 ; and that the ſaid Pay will begin on Tueſday the 11th of April 1727, at the Hill-Houſe in Chatham.

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On Thurſday the 16th Inſtant, will be expoſed to Sale in the Long Room in the Cuſtom-Houſe, London, Sugar, Cotton, Ginger, &c. from Barbadoes and the Leeward Iſlands.

Advertiſements.

TO be Sold, the Mannor of St. John Baptiſt, near Colerain in Ireland, with the Denefnes and other Lands and Appurtenances, ſubject to a Rent Charge of 160 l. per Annum. Further Information to be had, and Propoſals to be left with Mr. George North, Clerk to the Company of Merchant-Taylors, at their Hall, near the Royal Exchange, London : Where a Committee will ſit on the 9th of March Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to diſpoſe thereof.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before John Bennett, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, on Thurſday the 16th Day of March next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, to the beſt Bidder, the Eſtate of the late Sir John Wittewrong, Bart. deceaſed, at Stauntonbury, in the County of Bucks, near Newport Pagnell, being above 800 l. per Ann. about 40 Miles from London. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Houſe in Chancery-Lane, London.

TO be ſold, by Order of the High Court of Chancery, before Robert Holford, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, a Meſſuage or Tenement called the Bear Inn, ſituate in Cheap-Street, in the City of Bath, with the Stables, Coach-houſes, Outhouſes, Backſide, and Appurtenances, of the yearly Value of 138 l. A Meſſuage and Backſide, with the Appurtenances, in Cock-Lane, in the ſaid City, of the yearly Value of 8 l. And a Meſſuage with the Appurtenances in Stall-ſtreet, in the ſaid City, of the yearly Value of 30 l. late the Eſtates of Henry Townſend, Innholder, deceaſed. Particulars may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers in Symond's-Inn, Chancery-Lane : Which ſaid Eſtates are peremptorily to be ſold on or before the 13th of March Inſtant.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Mr. John Hooper, deceaſed, late Purſer of an Eaſt-India Ship called the Hertford, are to prove their Debts before James Lightboun, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's-Inn, on or before the 14th Inſtant, or they will loſe the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

IN purſuance of an Order lately made by the Right Honourable the Lord High Chancellour of Great-Britain, the Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Francis Parry, of Mitcham, in the County of Surrey, Dealer in Corn, intend to meet on the 23d Inſtant, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order for a new Aſſignee to be choſen in the Place of one of the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate by the Creditors of the ſaid Bankrupt intitled to make ſuch Choice ; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to prove the ſame, and pay Contribution-Money.